

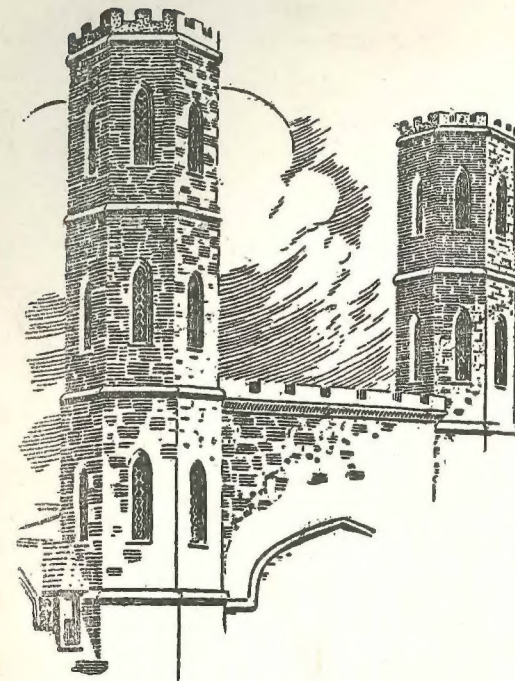
**St. Stephen's**  
**Protestant Episcopal**  
**Church**

REV. VINCENT C. FRANKS, D.D.  
Rector

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S.T.D.  
Rector Emeritus

HERBERT W. JONES, Th.M.  
Associate Minister

REV. ADDISON A. EWING, S.T.D.  
Consultant



**REPORTS AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

RENDERED AT THE  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**MAY 3, 1939**

Tenth Street, between Market and Chestnut  
Philadelphia, Pa.



## THE RECTOR'S REPORT

Looked at from the rector's point of view, this has been a high year in many ways. The rector must see his parish as a whole, very much as the commanding officer sees his regiment as a whole. He sees the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the parish and seeing the weaknesses should set to to repair the breaches.

I think we would all agree that the Lenten services were a far greater success than those last year. Not merely because of the thousands who attended our services on Good Friday, but because of the steady day by day rise in attendance and interest. Our situation in the central business area is such that no other church is better located for noon-day preaching than is this.

Speaking of noon-day services brings me around to the services started last year during Advent, when noon-day preaching under the auspices of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches was established. True, the average daily attendance was but sixty-four. The point, however, is that they were started, that the first hard year is behind us, and this Advent should see a marked improvement over last year.

Last October the church was thrown open during the week days for those who wished to use it as a haven for quiet, prayer and meditation. People were slow in responding at first, but we have watched the daily average grow steadily until at present ten or more people use it every day. In view of the fact that Protestant people have not been trained to use their churches during the week for such purposes, this is a gratifying average.

During the Lenten season a new feature—or better, a new service—was added when we secured the Rev. Dr. Addison A. Ewing, formerly on the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School, to come with us in the capacity of spiritual adviser and consultant. He is in the church every week day except Saturday from 11.30 to 4.00 o'clock. In this city there are literally tens of thousands who would be thankful to have such a kindly and understanding and helpful priest of the Church with whom to share their hopes and sorrows, one who would give them sound and impartial advice and help them out of ruts. Dr. Ewing is there for that purpose alone.

Also during the year we have changed the envelope system that has been in vogue for many years. Formerly the various organizations of the church had one or more Sundays when the envelopes were marked in their interest alone. Last fall we instituted the pledge system, and since you have been putting an equal amount in your envelope each Sunday our envelope income has increased materially. I have not the figures for

the last two months, but during January and February the increase amounted to around \$200.00 a month. I have appreciated so much the ready way in which most of you responded to my appeal to make pledges towards the support of the church.

Last July the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, formerly rector of the Church of St. Matthias in this city, came to us as associate minister and he was made to feel at home during the first two months of his tenure. To the rector this was most gratifying and he has responded to his duties with enthusiasm and energy. We were a fortunate congregation to secure his services, and the rector is under a great personal obligation to him for his loyalty and good spirit and the way he has put his shoulder to the wheel.

On the other hand, there are stubborn facts that your Rector has had to face. I was called to this church with the clear-cut understanding with the Vestry that if I could not materially increase the congregation I would not be a burden to you by remaining. The first year of my ministry the morning congregation increased in numbers some sixty per cent and the situation began to look encouraging. The broadcast had an almost immediate effect in additional attendance. But in my second year cold figures show that there has been no increase over the previous year's attendance. Barring Easter Sundays the figures even reveal that there have been a few less people at the Sunday services than there were in my first year here. Add to that fact the realization that we have gone in the red between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars last year and would go in the red many thousand dollars this year. That, of course, cannot go on indefinitely. You should not condemn either the Rector or Vestry because of that. We were embarked on a venture and there was no other way of making a possible success except through the expenditure of money.

When, therefore, a call suddenly came to me two weeks ago to St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, I felt bound to at least consider it. That call hastened a growing conviction that the genius of St. Stephen's Church lay along other than strictly parochial lines. Consequently I called the Vestry together a week ago tonight and discussed the possibilities of my resignation. Yesterday we met together again, and that resignation was presented to them in the following words:

May 2, 1939.

TO THE WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Gentlemen:

Since this group met last week, at a special session of the Vestry, to discuss matters of fundamental importance to our parish, it should not come as a great surprise that you meet again to receive my resignation as



Rector of St. Stephen's Church and to hear of my acceptance of a call that has been extended by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia.

I think we agree that the future of this parish lies along some other path than that which we have pursued in the last few years. It is not my purpose to bring possible embarrassment to you by venturing to say what that path should be. Sufficient to say that my resignation leaves you unencumbered and free to choose your own future. We have tried an experiment together, expanded our energies and finances as best we knew how, and should not condemn ourselves for having made the venture.

To me, as Rector, the experiment has brought many blessings and compensations as well as frustration of purpose. It has brought to me a rich experience along new lines and a fellowship with a group of Christian people I shall always remember and always prize. I believe that St. Stephen's has a unique contribution to make to Christianity in this city because of its situation and financial stability. I resign only because I feel that somewhere there is another priest of the Church who is better qualified for that leadership and at the same time feel that I can use what small talents God has given me to better advantage in another kind of work.

This letter carries with it my profound thanks for the ready co-operation of this Vestry, to a large group of communicants who have enthusiastically supported me in my efforts; and also carries with it my prayers—their number will be legion—that the glories of the past may be recaptured in this edifice that has witnessed so many triumphs for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you all.

Sincerely yours,

VINCENT C. FRANKS.

In order then that the Vestry may take immediately action along any course they deem right in the interests of this church and in order that my presence in the parish may in no way embarrass them, I will conclude my ministry here the last day of this month. God help us all.

VINCENT C. FRANKS, *Rector*.

### Report of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden

This report, for the year ending December 31, 1938, is a resumé of that which has been submitted in detail to your Vestry and has been approved by them.

Following our long established custom, our books and records, as well as those of our fiscal agent and the Trustee of the Trusts, of which we are the beneficiary, were audited for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1938, by Charles S. Rockey and Company, Certified Public Accountants, whose report and audit is open to your inspection. They have found our accounts to be correct and have so certified.

In my report to you, at the last Parish Meeting, I told you of two gifts in the sum of \$5,000.00 and \$2,500.00 respectively, to be used for music and the endowment of a pew, given under the will of Franklin Fisher, deceased. Both of these legacies have, less the inheritance taxes, been received by us and the proceeds thereof invested for the purposes for which they were given.

I reported to you also the gift of an unrestricted legacy by Mrs. Mary A. Combs, who died February 28, 1938. The payment of this legacy has not yet been made to us, but the estate is now in process of settlement and should be received very shortly.

During the year 1938 the Mothers' Meeting contributed \$65.00 and the Girls' Friendly Society \$25.00 towards the Community House debt. In April of this year the Mothers' Meeting again, through Miss Mockett, sent to me a contribution for \$75.00 towards the Community House debt. These sums aggregating \$165.00 will be used, together with other monies, for that purpose. I have expressed to these

fine organizations, through their representatives, the deep appreciation of the Rector and the Vestry for these contributions. They are a splendid evidence of a real interest in our work.

As of the end of our fiscal year, the book value of the investments, constituting what may properly be called our Principal Account, and from which we derive our income, amounted to \$760,925.19. The sums of money invested and held in trust for special purposes, the income from which is used for the designated causes only, amounted on the same date to \$39,963.38. Changes in both of these accounts, during the year 1938, were slight.

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects, including a contribution made out of general income of \$772.11, amounted in the aggregate to \$4,300.17. This sum is exclusive of contributions made by members of the Parish to certain Church objects for which no credit appears on the books of the Accounting Warden. This sum was distributed in full during the year and we were again able to fully meet our "Expectation".

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes amounted to \$2,608.60, which, together with the balance we had on hand on January 1, 1938, of \$408.76, made a total of \$3,017.36. This, less the balance of \$876.97 on hand December 31, 1938, was distributed during the calendar year for the purposes for which the money was specially designated.

During the calendar year 1938 there was made available for General Church Purposes, the following sums of money:

Income received from Endowments and Investments, including the balance of income on hand Jan. 1, 1938 . . . \$26,733.93



There was withdrawn from the unrestricted Principal Account .....	12,500.00
Loan .....	5,000.00
Contributions were received for Parochial Maintenance..	1,745.24
Pew Rents were received amounting to .....	1,322.25
There was received from the Treasurer of the Burd School	500.00
There was received from the Noon-day Services .....	10.50
Making total monies available.	\$47,811.92

During the same period there was expended for the maintenance and operation of

#### (A) THE CHURCH

Salaries of the Clergy, including Pensions, Honorariums to Verger, Parish Visitor, Rector's Secretary, Sunday School Teachers etc.....	\$19,861.75
Organist, Music and Choir...	7,081.38
Church Pension Fund.....	747.50
Diocesan Assessment .....	1,425.02
Radio Broadcasting .....	3,787.69
Repairs and Improvements...	1,489.50
Electric Light, Power and Gas	1,384.34
Fire Insurance .....	1,371.67
Advertising and Church Bulletin	1,033.47
Christmas Decorations, Sunday School Entertainment and Equipment for Sunday School .....	223.92
Taxes on the Rectory.....	254.63
Church Work Fund.....	10.00
Operation of the Office, telephone service, book-keeping and auditing .....	860.27
Verger's helpers and supplies, Furniture and Fixtures, Interest on Loans and Auto Service .....	1,495.88
Miscellaneous general expenses	2,219.98
Contribution to the General Missionary Account .....	772.11

#### (B) THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Interest on Mortgage.....	900.00
Water Rent, Electric Light, Power, Gas, Night Clerk, Janitor and Supplies.....	1,322.49

Making Total Expenditures of and leaving on hand December 31, 1938, from the funds received, as above set forth, the sum of \$1,570.32.

There was a diminution in income from investments during the year 1938. The major part of this was due to a decreased yield on investments and to general adverse business conditions. You were advised at the last Parish Meeting of plans for the extension of our work which would necessitate the expenditure of capital sums during the year 1938. These extensions were put into operation during the year and the results thereof have been good. With your permission, the Vestry intends to continue in fields of activity which we believe will give the Church its fullest usefulness. An awakened interest, however, must be accompanied by additional substantial contributions to insure the continuity of that work. Both the scope of the work and its duration will be influenced by the financial support received. The Vestry believes that the extension of our work is desirable and on their behalf I bespeak your continued support.

I again express to the Clergy and Lay Officers, who daily serve this Church, to my Senior Warden, Fellow-members of the Vestry and to all of you Parishioners, who so generously helped in the solution of our problems, my deepest thanks for your loyal support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. SMITH RASPIN,  
*Accounting Warden.*

#### Report of Envelope System for year 1938

##### ALMS BASINS

Charities .....	\$320.87
Parochial Maintenance ..	382.13
Missions .....	603.89
Theological Education...	20.45
Benevolent Society ....	45.22

Episcopal Hospital ....	13.60
Domestic Missions ....	11.64
Foreign Missions .....	18.59
Jerusalem Fund .....	9.73
Chancel Decorations ...	34.44
Deaconess House .....	20.73
Woman's Auxiliary .....	30.61
Young People's Club...	23.34
Chinese Relief Fund....	315.18
Bishop's Fund, including Special of \$10.00.....	29.40
Community House debt from Mothers' Meeting	65.00
Red Cross .....	3.12
	<hr/> \$1,947.94

##### ENVELOPES

Charities .....	\$557.41
Parochial Maintenance ..	1,135.11
Missions .....	1,613.03
Theological Education ..	40.45
Benevolent Society ....	162.63
Episcopal Hospital ....	500.14
Domestic Missions ....	36.05
Foreign Missions .....	39.35
Jerusalem Fund .....	38.20
Missionary Box .....	38.49
Indian Missions .....	31.20
Chancel Decorations ..	45.25
Deaconess House .....	39.25
Woman's Auxiliary ....	80.50
Young People's Club...	39.05
	<hr/> \$4,396.11

##### RECAPITULATION

Charities .....	\$878.28
Parochial Maintenance ..	1,517.24
Missions .....	2,216.92
Theological Education ..	60.90
Benevolent Society ....	207.85
Episcopal Hospital ....	513.74
Domestic Missions ....	47.69
Foreign Missions .....	57.94
Jerusalem Fund .....	47.93
Missionary Box .....	38.49
Indian Missions .....	31.20
Chancel Decorations...	79.69
Deaconess House .....	59.98
Woman's Auxiliary ...	111.11
Young People's Club...	62.39
Chinese Relief Fund...	315.18
Bishop's Fund .....	29.40
Towards Community House Debt .....	65.00
Red Cross .....	3.12
	<hr/> \$6,344.05

MARION HEADMAN for  
ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer*

#### The Church School

One of the first things that Dr. Franks said to me when he invited me to come to St. Stephen's was that he wanted to make the Church School of our Parish the best Church School in the Diocese. As you can well realize, this is a high goal, but it was one of the things that we all began to strive for even during the summer.

In June of 1938 The Rev. Claude L. Pickens, who was with this parish last year, Miss Elizabeth Frazier, Field Secretary of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, Miss Lucille Holladay, and I spent some time mapping out a course of study for the entire school which is planned in a progressive manner to cover the years 1939, 1940, 1941. I am happy to report that the teachers and pupils have co-operated to carry out this plan. For the coming year, 1940, we are expanding this same course of study to include a large portion of hand work which deals with the subject being studied by the class, in the belief that by this method the pupil will not only be more interested in what is being studied but will also learn more about the subject, because each pupil has something definite to do.

The past Lenten Season was a wonderful time for our school. Some of the classes made and sold orange marmalade, others sold candy. One class sold the Lenten number of the *Spirit of Missions*; another began last fall to sell the booklet, "Forward Day by Day". This class also gave a play at the Burd School, which they planned and carried through without the teacher's knowledge, and then brought in the proceeds. One of the boys' classes held a flower sale at the church during Holy Week;



another gave a supper at the Fuhrman Inn.

Then the whole School co-operated to give a Parish Dinner on March 16th. We prepared a Turkey Dinner for 150 people, and having served this, we had to send out for food and finally served 250. We take this opportunity of thanking all our friends of the parish for their support, which made this effort such a success. The school made a profit on this dinner of \$115.75.

The most advanced step that we have taken is to have one of the classes conduct the worship service each Sunday. The service is thoroughly prepared by the class in advance and has been dignified and worshipful and of real benefit to the officers and teachers as well as to the pupils.

We are proud to report that next Sunday afternoon, May 7th, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, our School will present as their Lenten Offering for the Missionary Work of the Church \$320.00, and to say that the reason we are so proud of this offering is that, by hard work and co-operation, it is \$140.00 more than the offering last year.

We believe that the School is on the way to become the best School in the Diocese and ask your prayers and co-operation.

### Noon-day Services

A new series of daily noon-day services was inaugurated in Advent under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, the response to which was very encouraging. This new venture provides broad, liberal preaching from the logical pulpit in this city for such an interdenominational group. These services are similar to our Lenten services.

The Wednesday noon-day services continue this thought of noon-day preaching throughout the year. Once a month the services conclude with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Exclusive of Advent and Lent, 41 services were conducted, with a total attendance of 2,795, or a daily average of 68. It is remarkable that this figure has been maintained for two years. While it is necessary for our church to make some contribution toward expenses, the appropriation required was only \$50, and it appears that next year they will be self-sustaining.

Balance May 1, 1938.....	\$20.15
Offerings in Church Boxes	184.32
Church Appropriation..	50.00
Total Receipts.....	\$254.47
Expenses (Music) .....	196.00

Balance May 1, 1939..... \$58.47

Respectfully submitted,  
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,  
*Treasurer.*

### Noonday Lenten Services

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of these services which continue to exert a powerful influence and which have always been an outstanding factor in the furtherance of our work as a central-city church.

The enthusiasm with which our preaching has been received is reflected in the growth of the congregation each year. Approximately 13,900 persons attended this year, a substantial increase over last year. On Good Friday the church was filled to capacity, the congregation overflowing into the aisles and vestibule, with many being turned away. A conservative estimate would place the number present at 1,500. This does not include those who came to hear Stainer's "Crucifixion", which was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews, after the

service. This added feature we hope to continue as a permanent part of the Good Friday service. The church was constantly used the entire afternoon—so much so that Mr. Jones read the crucifixion narrative from the Gospels at intervals to a congregation that seemed to desire some form of worship.

Financially, for the second successive year, the offerings more than covered the cost and expenses of the services to the extent of \$161.34. Compared with last year offerings were \$118 better.

Receipts	
Balance May 1, 1938...	\$155.80
Offerings .....	1,173.63
Total Receipts .....	\$1,329.43

Disbursements	
Honoraria, R. R. fare and entertainment of visiting clergy .....	\$671.45
Music (Organist, etc.) ..	190.00
Miscellaneous (Printing, Cleaning, etc.) .....	150.84
Total Disbursements.....	1,012.29

Balance May 1, 1939..... \$317.14

Respectfully submitted,  
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,  
*Treasurer.*

### The Woman's Auxiliary

The opening meeting of the season was held on the third Thursday of October, 1938, preceded by a corporate communion. The average attendance at the seven meetings held has been twenty-one, with a record number of thirty on the day Mrs. Claude L. Pickens told of her work in China during the rioting and looting which had existed there for so long.

Miss Caroline Gillespie, a United Thank Offering worker in the Patterson School, Legerwood, North Carolina, was the only other speaker during the winter, as the delegates

give such vivid reports of the speakers they hear each month that one feels well informed about the work of our missionaries at home and abroad. Opportunities for learning more may be found in the folder of the *Woman's Auxiliary News* issued for twenty-five cents for the season, and the *Church News* of the Diocese gives fuller accounts each month of all work and items of interest in the Diocese.

The Woman's Auxiliary throughout all parishes has always held itself in readiness to respond as may be in their power to appeals from the National Council and the Diocese, and has aided considerably in reducing "cuts" as evidenced by the splendid offering of three thousand dollars, the result of the united effort of prayer and sacrifice of all branches reported in the autumn. Would that we could be assured of a steady allowance for those who are doing their work so nobly.

The North Convocation of which St. Stephen's is a member will have a garden party in June, in which all parishes in that Convocation are asked to help.

LAURA BELL, *President.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year 1938

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1938... \$96.86

Receipts	
Members .....	\$128.50
Speakers' Fund .....	20.00
Interest from Anna Sinclair Fund .....	30.00
Accounting Warden for Quota .....	400.00
Collections .....	111.11
Ten Subscriptions to Auxiliary News .....	2.50
Mile of Pennies for Foreign Com.—Mrs. Reath ..	1.65
	693.76
Total.....	\$790.62



### Disbursements

Domestic Committee ..	\$135.00
Foreign Committee ....	135.00
Indians' Hope Ass'n....	135.00
Com. on Col. Missions..	135.00
Church Periodical Club	10.00
United Thank Offering,	
Income from Anna	
Sinclair Fund .....	45.00
Supply Bureau, 1938	
Budget .....	35.00
Speakers—Mr. Pickens	25.00
Miss Gillespie	15.00
Week of Blind—Episco-	
pal Day .....	5.00
Interdenominational Union	
Dues .....	1.00
Ten Subscriptions to	
Auxiliary News .....	2.50
Foreign Committee, Mile	
of Pennies .....	1.65
Flowers to Mrs. Hollar	4.59
Printing 1000 Postal	
Cards for Notices of	
meetings .....	16.25
Total Disbursements.....	700.99

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1938.. \$89.63

MARY C. ELLIS,  
Treasurer

Examined and found correct,  
March 23, 1939.  
JANET B. MACALISTER,  
ELIZABETH G. CHRISTIE.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS For the Year 1938

Miss Laura Bell .....	\$19.00
Mrs. C. H. Buehler .....	3.00
Miss Mary Bright .....	2.00
Mrs. W. B. Campbell .....	5.00
Miss M. K. Caldwell .....	4.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie .....	1.00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton .....	2.00
Miss Margaret Davis .....	1.00
Mrs. William Dickhart, Jr. ....	7.00
Miss Ella R. Dwier .....	2.00
Mrs. Eames .....	4.00
Mrs. R. L. Edsall .....	6.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis .....	7.00
Mrs. Vincent C. Franks .....	4.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper .....	2.00
Mrs. John R. Hart .....	1.00
Mrs. John Hay .....	1.00
Mrs. Idella W. Higham .....	2.00
Miss Ella Headman .....	5.00
Mrs. Herbert W. Jones .....	2.00
Mrs. Emory R. Johnson .....	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth T. Lawall .....	3.00
Mrs. J. B. Mearns .....	6.00
Miss Janet MacAlister .....	1.50
Mrs. Charles C. Noblit .....	1.00

Miss Helen F. Mockett .....	1.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast .....	5.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath .....	10.00
Mrs. I. Smith Raspin .....	7.00
Miss F. B. Sharps .....	4.00
Miss Susan C. Thackara .....	2.00
Miss Margaret Tappen .....	2.00
Mrs. David Wood .....	1.00

Total Contributions .....\$128.50  
33 Contributors.

### Women's United Thank Offering

Anna Sinclair Fund .....	\$30.00
Miss Laura Bell .....	10.00
Miss Susan Thackara .....	11.00
Miss Florence Hay .....	1.00
Mrs. John Hay .....	1.00
Miss Ellen Conolley .....	1.25
Miss Ella Dwier .....	5.00
Mrs. Robert C. Edsall .....	4.00
Mrs. Idella W. Higham .....	5.00
Mothers' Meeting .....	5.00
Mrs. Howard Reifsnnyder .....	5.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper .....	6.00
Mrs. I. Smith Raspin .....	1.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath .....	15.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast .....	15.00
Miss Matilda Maulsby .....	10.00
Miss Mary De Haven Bright .....	1.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis .....	2.00
Mrs. Vincent C. Franks .....	2.00
Mrs. C. D. Eames .....	1.00
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper .....	2.00
Mrs. J. B. Mearns .....	1.00
Miss Helen Mockett .....	6.00
Miss Florence Sharps .....	2.00
The Misses Daley .....	5.00

Total .....\$147.25  
Balance from 1938..... 2.17

Check May 4th drawn to Dio-  
cesan Treasurer ..... 145.00

Balance on hand, 1939..... \$4.42

ETHEL COOPER, Treasurer.

### Missionary Box Report

In November a large box was sent from St. Stephen's Auxiliary by parcel post to the wife of the Reverend Alfred Lee Jones, St. John's Vicarage, Green River, Wyoming, containing a suit of underwear and household goods amounting to

\$47.09, and a check for \$5.00 for a pair of Oxford shoes.

Mrs. Jones wrote saying how much she appreciated the useful gifts and above all, the thought of her in such an isolated part of the world. She wished she could go into detail about her husband's work, which was often hard and sometimes dangerous, but there was so much to do one scarcely had time to think of anything but trying to accomplish the task at hand. Two of the Missions were on roads that sometimes became impassable, but with blankets and chocolate and lanterns one ventured forth, knowing that, if they reached the Missions, they would find eager faces and a warm greeting. The eagerness for God's Word is an inspiration and we forget ourselves in our efforts to do for others and we feel we just can't leave these people who need us so much.

Mr. Jones also wrote me a long letter of thanks. His main Mission is St. John's, and it is progressing nicely. He was preparing the largest Confirmation Class in the whole history of this little congregation. He expected to have eleven or possibly fourteen. He has an Altar Chapter of five young girls under the supervision of one of the ladies of the Guild, which numbers thirty-eight, and the Church School is flourishing with an attendance of fifty girls and boys, with five teachers. He is planning to organize a Senior Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood. He said if any of our Auxiliary visit Yellowstone, he certainly hoped we would look them up. He lived in Philadelphia as a boy at Erie and Park Avenues. He closed his ten-page letter by saying he hoped we would pray for him.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLORENCE PANCOAST REATH.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 1938

Balance on hand January 1, 1938	\$24.22
Received from Church Col- lections .....	37.89

Total Receipts .....	\$62.11
Paid Supply Department for one Blanket sent to missions.....	3.50
Box of supplies and money for pair of shoes sent to Mrs. Alfred Lee Jones, St. John's Mission, Green River, Wyoming	52.09

Total Expenditures ..... \$55.59

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1938.. \$6.52

MARY C. ELLIS, Treasurer

Examined and found correct,  
March 23, 1939.

JANET B. MACALISTER,  
ELIZABETH G. CHRISTIE.

### Bishop White Parish Library Association

The Bishop White Parish Library Association is a venerable association of ninety-nine years of existence. Its object is, to quote the original wording, "to supply the missionary stations and feeble parishes of Pennsylvania with the standard theological works of the Church and also so far as means will permit to supply grants of books to indigent parishes in other Dioceses."

Picture to yourselves the joy with which these books are received by the men living in rural districts with no access to any library, and this gift of twenty-five books for their own personal use is a boon indeed. There are eight subscribers from St. Stephen's annually.

LAURA BELL, Representative.

### King's Daughters, Whatso- ever Circle

The King's Daughters held their first meeting of 1928-39 on Tuesday evening, October 4th, with a very good attendance. We have made about 215 garments, girls' coats,



dressess, boys' suits and baby clothes, which we distributed among some needy families, Hope Day Nursery, St. Christopher's Hospital, and Mrs. Mearns. We also made some aprons, which we donated to the Bazaar held at the Home for Indigent Women.

We have made contributions to the Home for the Aged at Narberth and the King's Daughters' Holiday House. At Christmas we filled 24 bags with toys and candy for the Hope Day Nursery, gave some toys to some unfortunate children and contributed to the Church Christmas Baskets.

While the King's Daughters is a very industrious organization, we do have some very enjoyable evenings. During the year we all enjoyed a turkey dinner given by one of the members. We also spent an evening at the Home for Indigent Women, where one of our members is a guest and had dinner with her.

I cannot close this report without an expression of gratitude to the members for their loyalty and co-operation, which has helped to make this report possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZABETH H. TOWNSLEY.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### Receipts

Balance .....	\$25.30
Dues .....	8.30
Income from Patton Legacy....	81.08
Donations from Members for Christmas Toys .....	11.52
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	\$126.20

##### 1938 Disbursements

June 7. Closing Party	\$4.70
" 24. Memorial Flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice .....	3.00
" 24. Holiday House	3.00
Dec. 5. Christmas Gifts	2.04
" 6. Repairing Sewing Machine .....	1.00

Dec. 6. County, State and Convention Dues .....	7.40
" 6. Home for the Aged, Narberth	5.00
" 20. Church Christmas Baskets ...	5.00
" 20. Christmas Bags and Toys .....	15.86
Materials and Supplies .....	39.37
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	\$86.37
Balance.....	\$39.83

#### The Choir

It is now a little over a year since I took over the duties of organist and choirmaster of St. Stephen's Church, and I can sincerely say that, short as my tenure of office has been, it has proved an extremely enjoyable one. The sympathetic interest shown by Dr. Franks and Mr. Jones in the work of our choir has contributed in no small way to this pleasant year's work.

During the course of the past winter we have introduced some new features. Starting with October, the special musical service on the first Sunday evening in each month was inaugurated. These services have drawn good congregations, particularly the one on Palm Sunday, when we gave the first presentation of "An Easter Pageant", for which I wrote the music last summer. Miss Lillich, who compiled the text for the Pageant, rendered us valuable assistance by training and directing the cast in the dramatic part of the presentation. A congregation of about eight hundred people was present upon this occasion. On Good Friday, Stainer's "Crucifixion" was given at one o'clock midday, and the church was filled to overflowing.

The other musical services have been varied in character, and have

included works by many of the great masters, as well as a program of Russian music and a candle-light service at Christmas time. Two of these special services have been broadcasted.

The personnel of the choir has changed but little during the year, but a few more voices have been added, so that we now have a well-balanced ensemble of twenty-six, almost entirely filling the seating capacity of our choir-loft. We have been very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Margaret Keiser as our soprano soloist. Miss Keiser came to us with a vast experience as a soloist, and we appreciate her valuable and artistic help.

It would indeed seem remiss of me if, upon presenting this short report, I omitted to express my appreciation of the loyal and unselfish support given me by all the members of the choir. They have worked very hard throughout the season and feel, I think, as I do, that music as an aid to worship must always be of the very best from the standpoint of selection as well as rendition.

In closing, I wish also to express my deep appreciation of the interest and co-operation of the members of the vestry and congregation. Their thoughtfulness in expressing the pleasure they have derived from the music has meant a great deal both to the members of the choir and to me.

H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS,  
*Organist and Choirmaster.*

#### The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society held the first meeting of the season, 1938-39, on November 10, 1939.

Two sewers, whose families had obtained regular employment, no

longer found it necessary to do outside work. This enabled us to give help to several other needy and worthy applicants.

Three new members were added to the list, all good sewers, and very grateful for the aid received.

A rector, who recommended one woman very highly, wrote that her brother had been unemployed for two years. This woman told us at our last meeting that she did not know what she would do when our society closes, as the money which she had received was all that she had earned in the past few months.

The above, and similar cases, with letters of appreciation from the hospitals, encouraging the members in feeling that the Benevolent Society is doing a fine work, and should be generously supported by the congregation.

Four thousand and eight articles were made for the following institutions: Episcopal Hospital, Jefferson Hospital, Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, Visiting Nurse Society, Southern Home for Destitute Children.

I am glad to say that Mrs. Gensheimer, one of our most faithful and efficient workers, is recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, one of our oldest members in years of service, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Pancoast is a loyal member, regular in attendance, sympathetic in our difficulties, and always ready to give financial assistance when necessary. Members and sewers alike miss her bright and cheery presence, and hope that she may be able to be with us again this coming season.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL P. DAVIS.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
1938-1939

**Receipts**

Balance on hand May 4, 1938...	\$21.73
Received from I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden:	
Offerings .....	341.03
Interest on Investments....	38.39
Donations:	
Mrs. Florence P. Reath.....	15.00
Girls' Friendly Society.....	15.00
Proceeds of Sales.....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$441.15</b>

**Disbursements**

Paid for Sewing.....	\$426.09
Balance on hand May 3, 1939...	15.06
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$441.15</b>

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

**The Altar Society**

The Altar Society, in presenting its Forty-fifth Annual Report, can show an increase in membership and an added stimulus in the active work of the Committees. Six new members were elected during the year. Miss Thackara has presented some beautiful meadow bleached linen in memory of her mother and sister, from which the following Altar linens are being made: A Fair-linen Cloth, a Corporal, a Veil, two Credence Cloths, and a Table Cover. This work is being done by members of the Altar Society.

Four Communion Veils were presented to St. Stephen's Church by a member of another Parish in the Diocese, and thanks are due to Miss Maulsby for renewing the ribbon markers in the Chancel prayer books and hymnals. During the winter four surplices, one small Communion Veil, one Corporal and one Purificator were sent to Mr. David P. Johnson of St. Thomas's Mission, Eustis, Florida, in answer to an appeal received from that mission after a fire had destroyed the church. These linens had been

in use in our services; though not new, all were in good condition. A letter of acknowledgment has been received.

During the winter one of our pulpit falls has been repaired and a new purple stole has been made. It was fortunate that the beautiful embroidery on the old stole could be transferred to the new one, thus lessening the expense of the making. Two new surplices were made during the summer of 1938 and put into service during the fall.

There are still Sundays on the Memorial Flower Fund list for which subscribers are lacking. Miss Thackara, the Superintendent of the Altar Society, would be glad to hear from members of the congregation who might be considering a subscription. These subscriptions have been limited usually to three dollars a Sunday.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance on hand May 1, 1938..	\$152.35
Received :	
For Memorial Flowers....	122.00
From Mothers' Meeting for Palms .....	5.00
From I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden .....	96.90
Refund from Miss Bender .....	3.50
	<b>\$379.75</b>

**Bills Paid**

For Memorial Flowers	\$172.02
" Palms .....	5.00
" 2 new surplices...	33.50
" Repairs on Altar Vestments ....	6.50
" Rose Dougherty, pressing surplices	18.00
	<b>235.02</b>

Balance on hand May 1, 1939.. \$144.73

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY K. CAMPBELL,  
*Treasurer.*

**Church Periodical Club**

Ten yearly subscriptions to magazines, chosen by the recipients, have been sent and are, viz.:

- 2 Spirit of Missions
- 1 McCall's Magazine
- 5 Saturday Evening Post
- 1 Parents' Magazine
- 1 The Etude

In addition, the Readers' Digest has been subscribed for and sent to a clergyman by Mrs. Reath, and a copy of Moffatt's Modern Bible given to another clergyman by Miss Bell.

With the great help of two faithful Auxiliary members, the used magazines sent to the church by the congregation have been parceled and distributed to hospitals. The number delivered since our last parish meeting is 1,508, besides 12 books and 5 large packages of cards and pictures.

To the Episcopal Hospital, Jefferson Hospital, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia General, Hahnemann Hospital, Douglas Hospital, Polyclinic Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Home of the Merciful Saviour for Children, and a gift each month of a few magazines to a crippled man.

Many letters have been written, but not all received replies from these busy western clergymen, of whom we have six on our list.

Any suggestions or requests for other hospitals will be gladly received.

Respectfully submitted,  
AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,  
*Secretary.*

All members and friends of the Church Periodical Club are asked to make the first Sunday in May of each year a day of remembrance, praying especially at the Holy Communion that the workers may have faith and perseverance, and the work be a means of bringing many into the Kingdom of God.

**Contributions to Woman's Aid, Convocation of North Philadelphia**

1939

Miss Laura Bell .....	\$5.00
Mrs. Carrie H. Buehler.....	1.00
Mrs. William B. Campbell.....	.50
Mrs. James Carrigan .....	1.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie .....	.50
Mrs. William Dickhart .....	.50
Miss Ella R. Dwier.....	.50
Mrs. Eames .....	.50
Miss Eisenbrey .....	2.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis.....	1.00
Mrs. Vincent C. Franks.....	.50
Miss Gebhart .....	1.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.....	.50
Mrs. John Hay .....	.50
Mrs. Idella W. Higham.....	.50
Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.....	.50
Mrs. Herbert W. Jones.....	.50
Miss Elizabeth T. Lawall.....	.50
Miss MacAlister .....	.50
Mrs. J. B. Mearns .....	.50
Mrs. Miesse .....	.50
Miss Helen F. Mockett.....	.50
Mrs. Pancoast .....	.50
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder .....	5.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath .....	.50
Miss Sharps .....	.50
Miss S. C. Thackara.....	1.00
	<b>\$26.50</b>

**Girls' Friendly Society**

On Monday, October 3, Dr. Vincent C. Franks opened the 1938-39 season of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society with an interesting account of some of his experiences as a minister. Several weeks later we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Franks tell her story in a sincere and charming manner.

During the season we have heard speakers on many topics—the proposed City Charter, Christian Science, England, Landscape Gardening, Personality, Dress and What It Does for Us, Leisure Hours and How to Enjoy Them, and a Book Review.

A Hallowe'en Party and a Christmas Party were solely for our own amusement. A Package Party and an evening of progressive games



were money-making, the former for our Special Effort Fund and the latter for the benefit of the Cape May Holiday House.

On April 23rd we held a sale and card party to increase our Special Effort Fund, which will be given to special charities on May 15th at our annual business meeting. We thank our many friends who helped on that evening both by their presence and their contributions, and are happy to announce that the proceeds amounted to \$90.66.

In November, two very large boxes, containing quantities of articles useful to a mountain community, were packed for Caney Creek Community Center, Kentucky. At Christmas, fifty stockings were filled for children at Byberry. Empty bottles and boxes have been collected during the year and will be sent before we close to St. Martha's House for use in the dispensary. At the request of St. Barnabas' Mission, seven dollars was given for the board of a candidate at Cape May Holiday House and her train fare. The cost and actual sewing of garments for Lenten boxes was contributed as is done every Lent.

All of the foregoing is simply a brief summary of the activities of the Girls' Friendly Society. The fact which is most important, however, is that Monday after Monday the same girls meet and enjoy that meeting because the ties are strong—those of interest, friendship and love.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEONA E. DICKHART.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT May 3, 1939

Balance May 4th, 1938..... \$157.07

#### Receipts

Dues ..... \$65.55  
Special Effort (1939  
receipts) ..... 90.30

Income from Investments \$89.42  
Card Party for Holiday  
House ..... 23.70  
\$268.97  
\$426.04

#### Expenditures

National, Diocesan and  
Provincial Dues ..... \$57.15  
Branch Expenses .... 65.39  
United Thank Offering 5.00  
Holiday House Card  
Party receipts ..... 23.70  
Special Effort (1938  
payments) ..... 140.00  
291.24

Balance May 3, 1939..... \$134.80  
Branch President's Fund \$22.75  
Special Effort (1939).. 90.30  
General Treasury .... 21.75  
\$134.80

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer*.

Audited and found correct, May, 1939.  
ELLEN WILLIAMS.

#### Mothers' Meeting

From October 3, 1938, to  
April 25, 1939.

After my report of last May, and before closing for the season, \$5.00 was given to the China Relief and \$5.00 to the war sufferers in Spain.

Our picnic at Atlantic City, June 30th, was provided by the Summer Outing Fund, and was enjoyed by 113 adults and 11 children. It was a lovely day for all.

Our entertainments during the year have been varied: lectures, movies, addresses, plays and demonstrations.

Tea and buns have been served thirteen of the meeting nights. A turkey supper was served December 15th to 140 members. Parties were held on the following nights: Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day and the opening meeting.

Mrs. Raspin has kindly mailed birthday cards to all members, as she did last year.

Friends have been very kind, helping with entertainments.

The Sale, held March 23rd, was most gratifying in its results and we thank those who so kindly aided in its success.

Regular meetings held: 26.

Special meetings held: 5.

Total attendance to date: 3,259.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN F. MOCKETT.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

April 25th, 1939

October 1, 1938, Cash balance.. \$82.26  
Received from Dr. Franks, for  
running expense ..... 25.00  
Proceeds from Fuhrman Inn  
supper ..... 32.25  
Interest ..... 1.17  
"Sale" ..... 85.46  
Offerings ..... 118.95  
Total ..... \$345.09

#### Expenditures

Quaker Calendars ..... \$3.75  
Postage, birthday cards, inci-  
dentals ..... 9.24  
Fuhrman's supper ..... 28.00  
Fruit and flower gifts..... 2.44  
Refreshments ..... 47.70  
Expense, speakers ..... 2.00  
Red Cross ..... 5.00  
Salvation Army ..... 6.00  
Sister Elizabeth ..... 4.80  
Episcopal Hospital ..... 36.00  
Two barrels flour, Spain..... 2.00  
Chancel Guild ..... 5.00  
Community House debt..... 75.00  
U. T. O..... 5.00  
Balance ..... 113.16  
\$345.09

Respectfully submitted,  
HELEN F. MOCKETT, *Treasurer*.

#### The Burd School

During the year visits of inspection have been made by the members of the Board of Women Visitors, and in every instance they have reported an unvaried excellence in the maintenance of the school property, of the fine physical condition of the children, and in the air of comfort and happiness which pervades the school.

There has been little illness during the winter. Three cases of chicken-pox and one tonsillectomy. A good rating, as we have at present more younger children in the school than in recent years, which also accounts for the lack of candidates for Confirmation this year.

Miss Tappen's vacations, usually spent in foreign countries, always result in some advantage to the school. This year the novelty introduced for Christmas dinner and celebration was of Swedish origin, a Smörgosbrod, with candle illuminations and the usual singing of carols around the tree. Bishop Taitt and his sister were present, and many of our graduates returned for the celebration, which was voted a great success.

On Mrs. Burd's birthday a Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's Church, attended by a large group of alumnae. Some had husband and children with them, and many were accompanied by their mothers. After the church service, a luncheon was served at the church to 115 guests. In this connection, it is worth calling attention to the loyalty and pride shown by the alumnae and to the enduring friendships formed by the girls during their school years. Each graduate, on leaving the school, is the happy possessor of a small savings account, encouraged and made possible by Miss Tappen's emphasis on thrift and economy in selection and buying, and by encouraging them to make their own clothes under the able direction of Mrs. Benson, our very capable instructress in dress-making. A small sum is paid weekly by the mothers, who can afford it, for the children's clothes. Some of this is often saved during the year, and deposited in individual savings accounts for the girls.



These deposits often include other money, received from prizes and gifts from relatives and friends. Some of our graduates, when leaving, have had as much as one or two hundred dollars to help start their independent careers. This saving covers a period from ten to fourteen years, and sometimes longer, as the case may be.

At present we have thirty-eight girls in the school, with six taking courses in higher education. Four children were admitted during the year and two were returned to their mothers, who had married again. Three girls finished their schooling at West Philadelphia High.

Marjory DePond entered the Woman's Hospital to train for nursing; Edna Hallanan finished a course at the Modern School of Beauty Culture; Josephine L. Head, one of our girls of whom we are justly proud, finished her course at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York and was graduated with a very high average. She has accepted an invitation to fill a position in the private wards of this hospital. Virginia Cooper was graduated from the School of Occupational Therapy, and now holds a position at the Elwyn Training School at Media, Pa. Elsie Martin, a favorite graduate of a few years ago, was married in St. Stephen's Church during the winter. Owing to the general difficult financial condition at the present time, the girls will not be sent to Camp this summer. The school will be open during July, with holidays for all during August. Founder's Day will be celebrated on May 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY K. CAMPBELL,  
Chairman.

May 1st, 1939.

### Young People's Fellowship

The Young People's Fellowship reports another year of happy comradeship. A fine spirit of cooperation and fun characterizes our Sunday night meetings, and many excellent talks have been given by the young people. Among the subjects discussed have been Youth and Crime, The Book Nobody Knows, Church Furnishings, The Boy Scout Movement, The Layman and His Church, and a most interesting talk on the life of Wagner, accompanied by recordings of some of his compositions. These fine talks, prepared and delivered by the young people, are particularly worthy of note, as this training is especially helpful and instructive.

Guest speakers have added much to our program. We thank all those who were kind enough to help us out in this respect. Dr. Franks and Mr. Jones have been among our favorite speakers, Mr. Jones having made the address on the first Sunday night in each month.

Social activities have included a hike, after which we were entertained at supper by Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt; a Hallowe'en Party; a Caroling Party on Christmas Eve; and a supper on the last Sunday night of each month.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the privileges we enjoy at St. Stephen's.

Respectfully submitted,  
ISABEL R. MACMILLAN.

### Report of the Parish Visitor

Since the Parish Visitor did not take office until October, this report will only cover a period of six months.

During this time I was privileged to

Make 215 visits.

Distribute 300 articles of clothing and 90 Christmas Baskets.

Find better living quarters for four needy people.

Help support two old men in the Harrison Home.

And secure old age pension for one man who had previously received assistance from us each week.

Most of the funds were used to help those on Relief, when it did not provide sufficient clothing, medicine or food. Then, too, it was often necessary to tide them over when Relief checks were delayed.

Before saying more I should like to acknowledge, with gratitude, contributions from the Burd School, King's Daughters, and the many generous members of the Church.

As you all know, there has never been greater need for the real expression of Charity than now, when in numberless cases those who willingly gave in the past are now themselves compelled to seek aid. They tread a worn path to our Church door, both men and women—hungry, cold, discouraged—and it is hard when through lack of funds we have to turn them away.

Fortunately, we have the assistance of the Social Service Exchange (of which we recently became a member). This affiliation not only enables us to check up on families seeking help, ascertaining whether they are worthy or obtaining aid elsewhere, but permits us also to refer the disabled and needy directly to those agencies which will serve them best without delay.

However, with all this splendid cooperation, we are still sadly in need of more funds and clothes for various purposes. So that I may do my part toward carrying on the splendid work of my predecessor, Mrs. Higham, I hope you will all

continue to stand by me as you have so generously in the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
NELLIE P. MEARNS.

### Christmas Baskets Committee

#### FINAL REPORT

Committee having in charge the collection and distribution of Christmas Dinners for the unfortunate and deserving in the Parish.

*To the Rector and members of the Congregation of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church:*

As Chairman and Treasurer of your Christmas Dinners Committee, it is again my pleasure to submit final report of our work of the collection and distribution for 1938.

In my report of last year's activities, I stated that records in my possession covering this work are available as far back as 1910, making this the twenty-eighth year. A most attractive exhibit of the generosity of St. Stephen's Congregation in their consideration for the unfortunate and their devotion to this benevolent work.

Last year your Committee prepared and distributed 100 baskets. This year, however, owing to the retirement of Mrs. Higham, whose list of beneficiaries was not available and in order to avoid the possibility of your valuable gift falling into the hands of possible impostors, your Rector deemed it wise to reduce the number to meet the actual list that Mrs. Mearns (Mrs. Higham's successor) was able to compile with every assurance that they were worthy.

Your Committee distributed 90 baskets, which contained the following:

- 2—Roasting Chickens, 4 pounds each.
- 1—Large mince pie.
- 2 pounds—White sugar.
- 1 pound—Coffee.
- ½ pound—Orange Pekoe Tea



1—Large can tomatoes.  
Good quantity potatoes.  
Good quantity onions.  
6—Large apples.

Each of these articles of food was of good quality and the group represented a good, substantial Christmas dinner for each recipient and his or her family. In one or two cases where the family was small, one chicken was provided. This allowed your Committee to provide three chickens where a family was unusually large. As, for instance, our records show one case where a worthy widow had twelve children.

In the Corn Exchange Bank Savings Fund Department we had a balance carried over from our 1937 activities of \$55.80. Our contributions for 1938 amounted to \$281.54, which, added to the above, gave us \$337.34 in our general treasury fund.

Our disbursements, after every obligation was cancelled, amounted to \$293.51, which leaves a balance in our treasury of \$44.83. This amount is now in the Corn Exchange Savings Department and will be held for next year's distribution of Christmas dinners.

It is the desire of your Committee to take this opportunity to express regret in the matter of the retirement of Mrs. Higham, whose sincere, ready cooperation in this work covered such a long period and whose devotion to it was an important feature of its success.

The Committee welcomes to its membership Mrs. Mearns, whose good judgment and sympathy in the work makes her a valuable addition.

It is also needless to say that Mr. Carrigan's faithful assistance was not diminished in any respect. Many thanks to him.

It is the desire of your Chairman to express his personal thanks to

the active members of the Committee, whose unselfish devotion to this work enables him to submit this attractive report.

Your Committee also wishes to express to the contributors their sincere appreciation for the support that makes this work possible.

Any information regarding any or all detail of this work will be gladly furnished by your Chairman at any time.

H. GILMAN FISHER,  
*Chairman and Treasurer.*

January 15th, 1939.

### Boy Scouts, Troop No. 2

The Scouts met regularly every week during the entire year.

An average of one over-night hike a month, with numerous day hikes in between, solved most of our hiking and camping problems.

In August, 1938, ten boys and one leader camped for one week at Treasure Island.

The annual banquet, celebrating our twelfth year in Scouting, was attended by thirty-four persons. It was held in the Community House, February 24th.

The troop alumni now consists of forty-eight former Scouts of our troop.

We have just made reservations at Camp Hart and will be there for the week of July 15.

Our present enrollment is: 27 scouts, 5 leaders, 4 committeemen.

Thank you for the many privileges extended us in the past and may you always look with favor on this type of work.

We invite you to visit our meetings any Friday night between eight and nine-thirty o'clock.

FRED. SCHMID, JR.,  
*Scoutmaster.*

## The Community House

### MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

	No. Meetings	Attendance
May, 1938 .....	45	1762
June, 1938 .....	32	1179
July, 1938 .....	14	468
August, 1938 .....	14	664
September, 1938 ...	14	244
October, 1938 .....	44	1356
November, 1938 ...	41	1501
December, 1938 ...	36	1528
January, 1939 .....	43	1295
February, 1939 ....	51	1656
March, 1939 .....	46	1611
April, 1939 .....	42	1284
Totals....	422	14,548

Respectfully,  
JOSEPH B. CASH.

### The Young People's Club

The Young People's Club held twenty-nine meetings during the past year, with an average attendance of thirty-five.

The Club sustained a great loss in the resignation of its President, Mrs. Reifsnyder. The members have all worked hard to uphold the high standard set by her fine leadership and spirit. This has been evidenced by the feeling of friendliness and cooperation which exists throughout the Club and in the work which has been accomplished.

The supper preceding the regular business meeting on the first Wednesday of each month was continued. At Christmas time a dinner and party were given for twenty-one children and I wish to thank all those who had any part in the entertainment of these children. Fine reports were received from those in charge of the children. The second Wednesday of each month has been given over to the various "hobby" groups. This is a new feature begun last fall. Another new feature is the Club paper,

"The Wednesday Nighter", which not only gives the news of the Young People's Club, but also that of the other organizations of the parish. In February the members again showed their fine spirit and willingness to cooperate by supporting the Valentine Dance one hundred percent.

These varied activities have all come from suggestions within the Club membership, and it is upon just such enthusiasm and steadfastness of purpose that the life of any organization depends.

With this spirit we hope to continue growing and helping others.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. GEORGE,  
*President.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

May, 1939

#### Receipts

Balance from 1937-38 season...	\$26.46
Club Dues .....	\$14.10
Church envelope contributions .....	63.54
Contributions for Christmas party .....	2.75
Miscellaneous contributions .....	5.20
Valentine Party .....	30.09
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	\$115.68
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	\$142.14

#### Disbursements

"3W" deficits .....	\$2.13
Hallowe'en Party .....	3.61
Club dinner deficits....	16.73
"Wednesday Nighter" publication .....	12.10
Valentine Party .....	3.36
Children's Christmas Party .....	23.99
Bank service charges...	.40
Phonograph records ...	2.50
Postage .....	1.57
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	66.39

Balance May 3, 1939..... \$75.75

FRED SCHMID, JR., *Treasurer.*